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**Additional Information Regarding Expanded Use of FluMist  
November 12, 2004**

As you are aware, on October 15, 2004 the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) issued an Emergency Order limiting the use of influenza vaccination for the 2004-2005 season to particular high priority groups. Effective today, DHFS issued an amendment to the original Emergency Order to allow the use of FluMist, a live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), in all healthy persons aged 5-49.

Although DHFS no longer requires doses of FluMist be reserved for health care workers with direct patient contact or caregivers of children under the age of 6 months, DHFS still feels it would be prudent to target these groups for FluMist vaccine when possible. Using FluMist in these groups would free up doses of inactivated vaccine for those on the high priority list who cannot receive FluMist.

In addition, individuals in the following groups (as long as they have no chronic medical conditions and are aged 5-49 years of age) who were previously ineligible to receive any form of influenza vaccine this year would be logical candidates for FluMist:

- Health care workers who routinely have close contact (i.e., come within 3 feet) with patients but who were not included in the initial Emergency Order such as:
  - Reception staff
  - Housekeeping staff
  - Chaplains
  - Pharmacists
  - Social workers
  - Occupational therapists
  - Dietary staff
- Household contacts of individuals of any age in a high priority category
- ALL day care providers (including those who provide care only for children over the age of 6 months)
- First responders
- Any other individuals who previously did not qualify for influenza vaccine but who have potential to expose individuals in previously listed high priority groups to influenza through work activities

Please note the above list is not all-inclusive, rather a guide for prioritizing your supply of FluMist when possible. Prioritization is completely voluntary.



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**EMERGENCY ORDER AMENDMENT**

The Emergency Order issued on October 15, 2004, concerning administration of influenza vaccine remains fully in effect, except that intra-nasal administration to healthy persons aged 5 to 49 of a live, attenuated influenza virus vaccine known as FluMist is hereby permitted.

This Amendment shall take effect immediately and shall be prominently posted at all locations where influenza vaccine is administered.

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